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An Earnest Plea For a United Party.

We have been prone to lean confidently upon the democracy of the Tampa Tribune as a strong, supporting rock—staunch, immovable, thoroughly dependable. Judge then, the dismay occasioned by its criticism of the democrats in congress who bolted the policy of their party's caucus. After printing the names of the bolters, our much esteemed Tampa contemporary makes these remarks:

Despite the storm of criticism from democratic sources which has visited these gentlemen, the Tribune adheres to its previously expressed opinion that they were thoroughly justifiable in pursuing the course which their own good judgments dictated in this matter; and they do not deserve to lose one iota of their record for loyalty to party by reason of their vote. Members of congress are supposed to be guided by the interests of their constituents as well as of their party. These particular members have much to ask of the republican majority, and at the present outlook, they will remain in that position for years to come. Are they to permit their districts to suffer, the industries of their people to be destroyed, through a policy of stubborn opposition to every proposition advanced by the dominant party, right or wrong?

And Congressman Clark, who such a short while ago gained the esteem and admiration of every Floridian, of every southern man, by his fiery defiance of the contemptible ex-Attorney General Bonaparte, demanding a thorough investigation of the peonage charges made against the people of Florida in order that Bonaparte might stand condemned before the people and the fair name of his state be protected. Is it possible, as we learn by Washington dispatches, that he, too, for the sake of a petty, selfish and at the same time almost chimerical advantage would abandon allegiance to the principles of his party and sail alone on the alluring sea of expediency?

The Tribune must know, and Clark must know that the one thing most needed by the democrats is an iron bound organization, a perfect unity of purpose and a long fight, a strong fight, a fight all together. They cannot be so blind as not to see the golden opportunity within the party's reach if its members will fight shoulder to shoulder with the solid, spear bristling front of the Macedonian phalanx.

How then, is it possible for the Tribune to plead justification for the bolters because, forsooth, their lack of party loyalty may secure for their constituents some small taste from the tickled fleshpots after they have been licked almost clean by the honored guests at the unhallowed feast? The Tribune is a great and strong democratic journal and we confess our inability to comprehend its weak position.

As for Congressman Clark, his defiance of his party and his party's platform is equally impossible to understand. It is not like him. It is not like any of the southern representatives who have acquired a name for stern adherence to party principle in the face of every vicissitude. It is impossible to sympathize with him, however greatly we have admired much of his conduct in the past. It is difficult to pardon his erratic outburst. We can only insist upon a united party which would surely bring a future result of such great good to the country that the paltry advantages to be gained by a compromise with expediency would pale into utter insignificance beside it.

The Journal turns with pleasure to the following words of loyalty and wisdom which appeared the other day in the Jacksonville Times-Union:

There was never a better opportunity than now for passing a revenue tariff bill through the house—that is, if every democrat would remember the declaration of the Denver convention and live up to it. The republican majority is not large, and there are

more than enough republicans who favor an honest measure of tariff reform to join with the democrats and put such a measure through the house. The republicans are divided on many issues. They are divided on the tariff and on this subject there is a sectional division that would give the democrats the balance of power. If they would act in unison, a bill could be put through the house that would represent the democratic party's promise to the people, and if that bill were afterward defeated in the senate, which has a heavy republican majority, the issue would be squarely joined and the people would have an opportunity of choosing between two parties, with a clearly defined and uncompromising difference of principles.

Is the situation not as clear as day? And besides the opportunity noted by the Times-Union, the congressional elections of 1910 should be borne in mind. With a united party the democrats will win in that election; rend the party and success will be impossible.

The Governor Makes a Strange Recommendation.

The Journal regrets that in his message to the legislature Governor Gilchrist departed from a consideration of political questions affecting the state of Florida to champion the cause of a limited number of citizens. We refer to the following item in the document:

The naval stores industry is one of the chief industries in the state. The representatives of this industry are anxious for the passage of the naval stores bill, now pending in congress. This bill is intended to prevent the adulteration of spirits, and the regrading of rosin. It is in the interest of honesty. Their representatives are anxious for the passage of a memorial to congress, urging the passage of such a law. Their recommendations are concurred in.

The governor speaks broadly of "the naval stores industry," of the "representatives of this industry" as being a body united in favor of the passage of Senator Taliaferro's bill which has been introduced in the United States senate. As a matter of fact there is a great division of opinion on the expediency of the measure even in its amended form. As originally shaped it met with widespread condemnation—a censure so conclusive in its effect that the senator was compelled to withdraw it.

Governor Gilchrist is too good a democrat to lend his approval to a measure which might result in increased and obnoxious federal activities in the state of Florida. There are many who think the present bill almost as objectionable for this reason and other reasons as was the former. The Journal does not know who has been the governor's advisers in the matter, and how he happened to take sides in the issue, even to the extent of official sanction; but it does know that his attitude will cause much criticism, his conclusion being clearly in opposition to the opinion of many of the most prominent naval stores men in the state.

CLEAR THE LOBBY, PROTECT LEGISLATORS.

Governor Haskell is evidently a fighter.

Calm before the storm in Tallahassee! Congress has now become second fiddle in Florida.

Didn't the Tampa Tribune take an unexpected slide on the Sladd proposition?

The Payne bill takes good care of the harvester trust—farmers be hanged!

Florida's law makers should be protected from interference of every character while considering the needs of the state.

Tuesday was truly a dark day, perchance a cold one, for the Montgomery Advertiser—the United States circuit court of appeals having overruled

Judge Jones's celebrated railroad injunction and the state supreme court having declared Alabama's prohibition statute constitutional both on that dread day.

Lord! the governor showed wisdom beyond his ears in not tackling the subject of woman's suffrage. He is big, burly and brave; but a bachelor; one may guess his opinion; it's expression would breathe the wig maker's face with smiles.

VOX POPULI.

CONDEMNNS LYCHING OF THE NEGRO ALEXANDER

Editor Pensacola Journal. Your short but excellent editorial in this morning's paper condemning the late mob and lynching of the murderer, Alexander, should have a strong moral effect for good on the community, showing, as it does, the utter inexcusableness of the mob in its lawless act. A court of hoodlums, secretly formed in the darkness and quietude of the night, surging, as they thought, some of the dignity and duties of the properly constituted courts of law, and feloniously and stealthily stealing into the offices and prison of the city, and there perloining what did not belong to them, a prisoner, and carrying him to the fairest spot in the city and there executing, murdering, him, against the law of the land and dignity of the commonwealth of Florida.

Inexcusable because of the certainty of a speedy trial and execution of the murderer, that would surely have followed. Inexcusable, because of the debasing moral effect all such acts have on the community in which they occur.

But a few months ago a moral monster was forcibly taken from the county jail, in the accomplishment of which several valuable lives were lost, many wounds and much suffering inflicted on others, and after being dragged in glee by some and hate by others from place to place, the insensible body was hoisted to an arm of the same electric light pole and there, sharpened by the taste of blood, they a few weeks later spent hours and a night searching and seeking for another victim.

Then, what about the guardian of the law in whose care this Alexander was supposed to be secure from violence or escape, but who, in less than 24 hours after arrest, left him in the care of the usual gang while no legal precaution was taken to guard against a mob, surprise or other emergency.

J. L. YOUNG.

FINE PLACE FOR FRUIT RAISING.

Editor Pensacola Journal:

It is doubtful whether a better region for raising oranges and other semi-tropical fruits can be found in Florida than lies within twenty miles of Pensacola. From near Holly to the point, there is a strip of land with a body of water on both the north and south sides of it, that is warmed by a tidal inflow from the gulf, twelve hours every day in the year. If water from the gulf can moderate the climate on the islands in the English channel, thousands of miles north of Cape Sable, so that fuschias grow to the tops of the island houses, then the tidal gulf streams into Escambia bay and the nearness to market should make the lands on the said peninsula very valuable. The land between Choctawhatchee bay and the gulf has like conditions, and Capt. Reddick is so well pleased with his success in selling oranges from his sixty trees set out thirty-six years ago that he has set out five hundred more orange trees and though 76 years of age hopes to live long enough to be able to eat and sell the golden fruit from that grove.

To see the effect bodies of water have on fruit raising one should visit the east shore of Lake Michigan in the early fall, where peaches, grapes, etc., are being marketed, while if there has ever been a peach, pear or grape raised for market west of the lake I have never heard of it. A man living on the south side of the Dead Lakes in Calhoun county has sold this year hundreds of dollars worth of oranges and yet his location is not half so good as it would be on one of the peninsulas mentioned above.

As to the quality of the soil from Holly to the point, I know nothing, but if it is poor fertilizer could probably be brought on scows from Pensacola to enrich it.

As we have sailed down the coast on our way to our cottage home at Camp Walton, I have often wondered when passing the peninsula running from Holly to the point why with its wonderful climatic advantages it had not been converted into a veritable garden of Eden.

N. COLVER, DeFuniak Springs.

FLOMATON.

Special to The Journal.

Floamat, Ala., April 7.—The house on the old site place, now owned by Theodore Hataway, one quarter of a mile west of Floamat, and occupied by W. R. Spencer, caught fire yesterday about 2 o'clock from a spark from the stove flue. There was no one at home but Mrs. Spencer and her two children, and she was unable to extinguish the flames or attract the attention of others, until the fire was under such headway as to make it impossible to stop it. The house and contents were destroyed. The loss is about fifteen hundred dollars, with no insurance.

Read The Journal's Want Columns and get wise.

STOKES AND THE LOAN SHARKS

Regular Shylocks.

Representatives Stokes of Pensacola will try to pass a measure through the legislature curtailing the enormous profits of certain citizens who lend money in small amounts on small chattels. He asserts that some such fellows are simply money sharks—regular Shylocks.—Alachua News.

Make 'Em Do Honest Work.

Pensacola is not the only city in Florida which harbors loan sharks, although it is the one which is cursed with an unusually large number. It is to be hoped that the Escambia member who promises to introduce in the legislature a bill to suppress the scandalous usury by which these men ruin the unfortunate workingman who has the ill-luck to fall into their clutches will perfect his measure so that it will pass the scrutiny of the courts. If some of these human vampires could be made for once in their lives to do some honest work by being sentenced to the chain-gang it would be poetic justice. The law defines usury and the legal rate of interest, but the loan sharks know how to get around it, and every means of evading the law should be guarded against in the proposed measure.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

A Mild Description.

Hon. John P. Stokes of Pensacola, through the columns of Sunday's Pensacola Journal, has held up to public view and execration a class of city money lenders whom Mr. Stokes has rather mildly described as "loan sharks." They are a disgrace to the city and to the "human form divine," which Satan loaned them temporarily as a decoy.—Bonifay Advertiser.

Let Us Hope So.

Pensacola merchants are after loan sharks and are seeking relief through the legislature. It is to be hoped that they will be more successful than the merchants of Mobile and other Alabama cities who attempted to get their legislature to deal with the loan shark problem.—Mobile Register.

Support from Marianna.

Representative John P. Stokes of Escambia county, is showing up what he terms "loan sharks" in a very bad light, and proposes to try and enact into law at the approaching session of the legislature a remedy for the evil. The loan agents in Pensacola may not be any worse than they are at other places, but judging from the showing made by Mr. Stokes, they are a bad lot and should be restrained. Here's hoping the proposed legislation will carry, and that it will have the desired effect.—Marianna Times-Courier.

A New Plan.

The Pensacola Journal has started a crusade against "loan sharks" and proposes to drive them out of Florida. Gainesville Sun.

Send 'em to Jasper. We'll borrow 'em out of house and home and put 'em in the poor house inside of a month.—Jasper News.

Worse than a Plague.

A good meritorious measure is that against "loan sharks," which will be introduced in the next legislature by Hon. Jno. P. Stokes, of Escambia. This class of people do more harm to a community than a plague.—Tallahassee True Democrat.

And He Is.

The Hon. John P. Stokes of Escambia county, rushes into print to say that the loan sharks are altogether too numerous and too greedy, and he thinks legislation is needed that they may be redeemed and reformed. Mr. Stokes says he is after the loan men with a two-edged sword.—Apalachicola Times.

A Severe Arraignment.

Ail honor to The Pensacola Journal for the splendid fight it is now waging against the selfish, sordid thieves of that city who charge and collect 480 per cent interest for the small loans they see fit to make to the poor unfortunate characters who become their victims. Talk about Shylock and his pound of flesh! But the man who takes advantage of affliction and robs it in this manner is meaner than an orthodox devil. These villains, unfortunately, are not confined to the narrow precincts of Pensacola alone. Other cities of the state are nearly as badly afflicted, and the legislature ought to look up their case and attend to it. We might have some sympathy or patience with the highwayman or robber driven to desperation by a hungry wife and children but we know of no scoundrel this side of hell itself half as mean and contemptible as these shylocks, who in carving out their pound of flesh, inject into the wound the poison of impossibility that it may never heal.—Jacksonville Florida.

A Tampa Apologist.

Mr. Stokes of Escambia is the happy and applauded legislator who will introduce the bill to do away with the money sharks—as those people are called who lend money to people who can not borrow from anybody else and who charge enough to compensate for the risk. The press generally seems to think the sharks will be exterminated, and Mr. Stokes no doubt hopes and aims that such will be the result of his measure. But it won't. Usurers have been legislated against from the foundation of commercial law and have been much restricted. But there will always remain a residuum of humanity who have neither property nor credit, and these must upon occasion have money in small amounts. There will always be found men who will cater to them at a rate of interest that will cover the extremely great risk involved in the loan. They used to pull out the nails of the usurers in England, and in those very days the king was borrowing from them. The way to get rid of the loan shark is to end the situation which creates him. If the laws of Florida or any other state compelled the payment of debts by the people who contract them everybody who deserved credit could get it and there would be no class of

lenders to take the extra risk, because there would not be any extra risky loans or sales on credit. The only people who today resort to the shark are those who have exhausted money and credit at the legal cost.—Tampa Times.

TALLAHASSEE.

By C. U. Porter.

Tallahassee, April 4.—On the glorious Sabbath morning, when the far famed red hills of Leon are bathed in a flood of sunshine and the purple mists of the surrounding valley are melting away—when the vernal robes of spring are displayed in all their gorgeous splendor and nature is clothed in the vesture of celestial beauty and imbued with the charms of paradise, the pious mind turns to matters of church, the political to matters of state.

The places of worship are at this moment rapidly filling with the former, while hotels and boarding houses are being filled to overflowing with the latter.

After today the historic old structure which has served the state so long as its capitol building, will discard the silence of cloistered nuns in which we found it wrapped, and its ancient walls will reverberate with the sparkling wit and ready repartee of the patriotic hosts assembled to fight for their country's rights.

All is hustle with the crowds from speaker to page in marshaling their forces for the fight for position, and the "third house" contingent, like the "war horse" that scents the battle from afar, grows restive under the restraint of having to wait for the fateful hour of action.

We have not failed to be impressed with the personality of many of the T. H. aspirants, especially with the fancied fitness with which they are oppressed, for the places to which they aspire.

Perhaps the most commendable feature of their claims is their abiding desire to serve their state with the peculiar efficiency of their fancied sole possession, with no thought of recompense beyond that of returning to the open arms of their constituents to receive that welcome plaudit, "well done, thou good and faithful servant," for back in the sunshine of our approving smiles. Of course there would be other recompense of a more material kind, but it is at most only incidental.

Scanning the faces of such of the members we have thus far seen who will make up the personnel of senate and house, we easily reach the conclusion that from this galaxy of erudition the tax payers of Florida may confidently expect relief from every form of injurious or unpopular legislation and the enactment of only such laws as will inure to the honor and progress of the state.

Unless we are sadly mistaken, the present session of the Florida legislature will return to the state a government of the people, by the people and for the people, instead of one of grafters, grafters and for grafters, with which far too many states are blighted.

To the end that these conditions so devoutly desired may be consummated, the wisdom and guidance of an all-wise God is importuned for our assembled solons.

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MOSSY HEAD.

Special to The Journal.

Mossy Head, April 7.—Mrs. R. Boswell, of Bonifay, was visiting her daughter, Mrs. M. E. Johnson, last week.

Miss Mollie Wooten, of DeFuniak, is visiting her cousin, Mr. G. W. Keen, Jr.

Mrs. M. E. Johnson and little daughter, Lois, spent a pleasant day in DeFuniak with relatives last week.

School opened last Monday and is progressing finely, with Miss Dollie King as teacher.

M. E. Johnson made a business trip to Ponce deLeon last week.

G. W. Keen and C. D. Meggs are transacting business in DeFuniak today.

Ben C. Heinberg, of Pensacola, was among the visitors of last week. His engagement to one of our most popular young ladies, Miss Sadie R. Ginsberg, has just been announced. Mr. Heinberg is a popular young business man of Pensacola and well known throughout the section of the state. Miss Ginsberg has just returned from Baltimore, where she completed her college course. The wedding will take place in June.

WAR VETERAN DEAD.

Gallipoli, Ohio, April 7.—Captain C. L. Bell, known from Pittsburg to New Orleans as a skiff builder and civil war veteran, died at his home in Racine, Ohio, last night from the effects of three bullet wounds fired Sunday morning with suicidal intent.



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I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of City Physician, subject to the action of the white Democratic primary.

S. R. MALLORY KENNEDY.

FOR BUILDING INSPECTOR.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate in the white Democratic primary for re-election as Building Inspector.

JOHN D. RENDALL.

I hereby announce my candidacy for Precinct Alderman from Precinct No. 12, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

JOHN G. OLIVER.

I hereby announce my candidacy for Precinct Alderman from Precinct No. 12, subject to the action of the white Democratic Primary.

MAX L. BEAR.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Precinct Alderman from Precinct No. 13, subject to the action of the white Democratic primaries, and will appreciate the support of all voters.

E. MEADE WILSON.

I hereby announce my candidacy for Precinct Alderman from Precinct No. 15, subject to the action of the white Democratic primaries, and respectfully ask the support of all voters.

J. E. CONCANNON.

I hereby announce my candidacy for Precinct Alderman from Precinct No. 15, subject to the action of the white Democratic primaries, and respectfully ask the support of all voters.

SAM ROSENAU.